

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Robert C. Kerr al.
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For: **NOVEL CLEATED ANTI-CREEP FLOOR MATS**
Group Art Unit: 1771
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2003, Applicants herein respectfully request entry and due consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

AMENDMENTS**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

The Abstract has been deleted and replaced with the following:

--The present invention relates to specific methods of producing cleated rubber-backed floor mats (such as dust control or rubber mats) through the utilization of the combination of a perforated coated woven fabric article and a cushioned platen liner between the article and the metal platen of an in-line dust control mat manufacturing machine. Such a procedure permits a